

REMARKS

In the final Office Action mailed November 4, 2005, Claims 1-14 and 18-27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). On the other hand, Claims 28-30 were found to be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, applicants have rewritten Claim 28 in independent form, including all of the limitations of its base claim (Claim 1) and intervening claim (Claim 24). Accordingly, Claim 28, as amended, and Claims 29 and 30 depending from Claim 28 are believed to be allowable.

An early action placing the present application in condition for allowance is respectfully requested. If the Examiner should have further issues to resolve, he is invited to telephone applicants' undersigned attorney at the number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,

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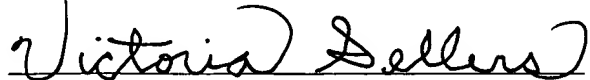


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